

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A deodorant agent comprising, ~~as an at least one active ingredient[[,] selected from the group consisting of ginkgo extract obtained with 80 v/v% or higher aqueous ethanol solution or Phellodendron Bark or an extract thereof obtained with 80 v/v% or higher aqueous ethanol solution.~~

Claim 2. (original) The deodorant agent according to claim 1, which inhibits a body odor.

Claim 3. (original) The deodorant agent according to claim 1, which inhibits sweat odor.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The deodorant agent according to ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, which inhibits axillary malodor.

Claim 5.(canceled)

Claim 6. (currently amended-withdrawn) A method for inhibiting a body odor, which comprises applying ~~at least one agent selected from the group consisting of ginkgo extract obtained with 80 v/v% or higher aqueous ethanol or Phellodendron Bark or an extract thereof obtained with 80 v/v% or higher aqueous ethanol solution~~ to the skin.

Claim 7 (new) A method for producing the deodorant agent of claim 1 comprising adding to a deodorant composition, at least one active ingredient selected from the group

consisting of ginkgo extract obtained with 80 v/v% or higher aqueous ethanol solution or *Phellodendron Bark* extract-obtained with 80 v/v% or higher aqueous ethanol solution.

Claim 8 (new) A method for inhibiting decomposition of apolipoprotein D by a microorganism on skin comprising applying to skin, the deodorant composition of claim 1.

Claim 9 (new) The deodorant agent of claim 1, wherein said extract is obtained with 95 v/v% or higher aqueous ethanol.

Claim 10 (new) The deodorant agent of claim 1, wherein said extract is obtained using 70 to 100 mL of aqueous ethanol solution per 10 g of ginkgo or *Phellodendron Bark*.

Claim 11 (new) The deodorant agent of claim 1, wherein said extract is obtained at an extraction temperature of 15 to 35°C.

Claim 12 (new) The deodorant agent of claim 1, wherein said agent comprises 0.00001 to 10 wt. % in terms of solid content basis.